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Senator Hilda L. Solis  
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### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CLEANUP PROGRAM - PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION INVESTIGATION

Dear Senator Solis:

Thank you for your letter dated September 29, 1998 in which you stated your concerns about the perchlorate contamination in the San Gabriel Valley. As discussed in the letter, you recently met with representatives from the La Puente Valley County Water District (District) regarding perchlorate contamination that forced the District to shut down three drinking water wells.

In a letter dated August 31, 1998 (letter enclosed), we assured the District that we would follow-up and since then, have done the following:

1. In a letter dated September 16, 1998 (letter enclosed), we asked what mitigation steps the Baldwin Park Operable Unit Steering Committee were taking, or intend to take towards solving the groundwater contamination problem regarding the District's water supply wells. A response by the Steering Committee is due by November 15, 1998.
2. In letters dated September 24 and October 1, 1998, (sample letter enclosed) Regional Board staff requested over twenty (20) site owners and operators to implement quarterly groundwater sampling and analyses for newly discovered chemicals such as perchlorate, MTBE, 1,4-dioxane and N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA). We expect to receive the first round results from this task in early January 1999.

This information will help us to identify the extent of the occurrence of these new chemicals. We are also pleased that you are aware of our involvement with the San Gabriel Perchlorate Coordinating Team. In addition to the Baldwin Park Operable Unit perchlorate contamination, there is also focus on the contamination beneath the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) site in Pasadena. Pilot testing of a viable treatment method (i.e., ion-exchange) is currently on-going.

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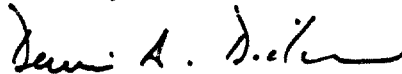
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*Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Overall, the various treatment systems discussed and tested appear to be effective. We will certainly provide your office with any relevant information regarding this matter.

If you have any questions, please call Arthur G. Heath at (323) 266-7539.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

Enclosures

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